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1. Joaquín SATRUSTEGUI, a leading Monarchist inside Spain, stated in early June 1948 that he believed that it was neither necessary nor desirable for the Monarchists to seek the collaboration of any other opposition group for the overthrow of the FRANCO regime. Asserting that his views represented those of other leading Spanish Monarchists as well as of Don JUAN himself, SATRUSTEGUI stated that all Monarchist energies should be directed toward preparing the way for the restoration of the Monarchy after the overthrow of FRANCO.
2. The downfall of the FRANCO regime, SATRUSTEGUI added, must come about through activities carried on inside Spain. During the past year the efforts made by the United Nations with regard to Spain have been disorganized. All their propaganda and actions in this connection have been self-defeating and have resulted in strengthening FRANCO's position in Spain. With the discontinuance of such propaganda and actions FRANCO finds himself without support; the people are turning away from him and he is left without a means of arousing them.
3. So far, according to SATRUSTEGUI, the Monarchists have succeeded in keeping Don JUAN out of entanglements either inside Spain or abroad. Great Britain and the United States have displayed a favorable attitude toward Don JUAN. Since emissaries from both countries continue to visit him, it can be said that although the two powers will not intervene on behalf of the restoration of the Monarchy, neither will they support the continuance of FRANCO. It becomes more evident each day that FRANCO Spain is heading toward financial collapse and there will be no financial aid forthcoming from the United States, especially if the Republican candidate is elected. Don JUAN has proof of it. On the other hand, the Monarchy, once restored, will have all the dollar credits and financial support it needs. Under the present circumstances, it would be absurd for the United Nations to intervene.
4. Therefore, SATRUSTEGUI said, only one course remains open - action by the Spanish forces themselves. The Monarchists have established contact with leftist elements who said they represented leftist organizations but there

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have been subsequent indications that those organizations do not exist and that these men represent nothing. Negotiations cannot be carried on with leftist personalities of greater prestige because there are none. Gregorio MARAÑON, Ramon PEREZ de Ayala, Miguel MAURA, Salvador de MADARIAGA, and one other, are the only ones.

5. The task at hand, SATRUSTEGUI continued, is to deal with the elements constituting the support of FRANCO, namely, the Army, part of the Church and a group of individuals, the majority of good faith, who, although inwardly rejecting FRANCO, are tolerant of his regime. These elements must be approached and dissension spread among them. A completely Monarchist atmosphere must be created. When generals, prelates and important financiers start discussing bankruptcy and show signs of anxiety concerning a change, then there will be immediate possibilities of a Monarchist restoration. Our mission can be accomplished only when all these individuals see in the Monarchists the answer to their inner political anxieties, without compromise. A more or less sincere union with the leftists would defeat our purpose, in that any pact implies a concession of principles on the part of the signers. Moreover, the mere knowledge that the Monarchists were cooperating with Indalecio PRIETO, with GONZALEZ Peña or with other leftists would suffice to thwart a rapprochement with the rightists. The present chaotic situation in Spain and the innumerable instances of administrative irregularities will aid in the overthrow of FRANCO, which must be accomplished exclusively by the Monarchists. Consequently, an agreement cannot and must not be reached which would imply Monarchist collaboration with various elements of the opposition.

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